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IREF Celebrates the Birth of Christ Monsoon rains and flooding in November and December left most areas saturated in water. Open air grounds were not accessible for events such as the IREF Christmas. But that didn't stop the students and staff from celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. This year's Christmas celebration was held in the Repalle Evangelical Church.

It takes a great deal of planning to bring about a Christmas celebration for so many people. School staff again headed committees for decorating, reception, seating, and food preparation. Even the children got involved, as they decorated the church and the trees and plants along the pathways with colored bulbs and balloons.

The "Nativity of Christ", a play telling the Christmas story, is an IREF tradition that the students anticipate and prepare for each year. The large gathering enjoy the Christmas play each year. After scripture reading and prayer, the IREF girls and boys choir sang Christmas carols and When Dr. Emmanuel Rebba delivered his yearly Christmas message, his goal is also for all to hear of Jesus dying for the sins of the world, the good news of salvation. After the message, the children, staff and all who attend the IREF Christmas celebration concluded the evening with presents and a Christmas dinner together.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to you, the donors who made such a successful and memorable Christmas celebration possible at IREF. Thank You!

RCC Girls Badminton

Repalle Christian College's Girls Ball-Badminton team of 7 recently won 1st place in the University regionals! The college students supported their fellow classmates as they were recognized regionally for their sporting talents. One player, #2 – Madhuri, was selected to play in the nationals in Madras the first week of January. Please join us in wishing Madhuri "Good Luck" and congratulating the RCC Girls' Badminton team for their great accomplishments!



Prayer & Praise

PLEASE PRAY:

• Praise God for the lives that were touched as a result of the team from Trinity. They had a tremendous impact on the students during their 10 day visit.

• Pray for the 5 day Youth Conference coming up at the end of January. Many young people will be coming from many rural areas; pray that their hearts would be open to seek Christ in their daily lives.

• Pray for travel safety for the team coming at the end of January for the Gospel Crusades. Ask that the Holy Spirit will move among the lost of Andhra Pradesh.

• Local pastors are being encouraged to bring their congregations to the upcoming Youth Conference and Gospel Crusades. Pray that God's message will reach many unbelievers.



Science Exhibition brings Thousands to IREF

IREF was recently given the opportunity to host the Guntur District Science Exhibition for 4 days. Over 750 schools participated in challenging our young people to display creative and intellectual science projects. 50.000 students from numerous schools in the district attended the science fair over the 4 day event. Many IREF students were recognized and awarded for their innovative thinking at the high school and pre-college levels.



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